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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR
Ira E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK
Floyd J. Hutchins

SELECTMEN
John Boutin, F. O. Rollins, W. J. Yeaton

HIGHWAY AGENTS
Napoleon Boutin Ernest T. Page

TREASURER
Edith J. Yeaton

TAX COLLECTOR
L. W. Noxon

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST
Charles C. Tyler, S. H. Dexter, John G. Elliott

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER
Floyd J. Hutchins George N. Belyea

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Catherine Eastman, Laura M. Noxon,
Mildred A. Elliott

CONSTABLE
Carl G. Eastman

LIBRARIAN
Catherine Eastman

FENCE VIEWERS
Carl G. Eastman Arthur Boutin Lester Noxon

THE POUND KEEPER
Napoleon Paradie

SCHOOL BOARD
Edith Yeaton Alexzena Boutin Ira E. Elliott

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND
S. H. Dexter, John G. Elliott, W. J. Yeaton

SEXTON C. C. Tyler

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, the twelfth, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects—

Article 1 To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one or more Highway Agents not to exceed three, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents, for the ensuing year.

Article 2 To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers salaries, and expenses, and for the repair and maintenance and construction of highway and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day, and for all other Town charges and expenses for ensuing year.

Article 4 To see what action the Town will take in regard to securing State Aid for highways, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

Article 5 To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 6 To see what action the Town will take in regard to keeping Town Highways open for motor vehicle traffic during the winter season, including snow removal and sanding and make the necessary appropriation therefore.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 8 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of February, A. D., 1935.

JOHN BOUTIN,

F. O. ROLLINS,

WALTER J. YEATON,

Selectmen of Benton

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

John Boutin
W. J. Yeaton

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing year, February 1, 1935, to February 1, 1936, compared with
Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous year, February 1, 1934, to February 1, 1935.

Sources of Revenue	actual 1934	est'm'd 1935
FROM STATE:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 7.27	$ 7.00
Railroad Tax	29.61	29.00
E. R. U.	743.53	
Savings Bank Tax	41.11	41.00
Bounties	84.80	84.80
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Interest Received on Taxes	$ 62.80	$ 62.80
Auto Permits	227.85	227.85
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES		
Poll Taxes	$236.00	$236.00
Dog Fees	71.00	71.00
Filing Fees	2.00	
Protested check	1.27	
Interest, John Cox Note	7.28	7.28
Income, Trust Funds	277.96	277.96
Refund, Acct. over-payment	.50	
National Forest Reserve	291.96	250.00
Abatement State Tax	637.68	600 00
Taxes Redeemed	223.10	200.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	$2945.72	$2094.69
Amount Raised by Property Taxes:		2254.81
TOTAL REVENUES		$4349.50

Purposes of Expenditures	actual	est'm'd
Current Maintenance Expenses:	**1934**	**1935**
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$267.11	$275.00
Town Officers' Expenses	105.66	105.00
Election & Registration Expenses	102.00	75.00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	36.99	35.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		
Police Department	$11.05	$10.00
Bounties	84.80	85.00
HEALTH:		
Health Department	$5.00	$5.00
Vital Statistics	2.50	2.50
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
State Aid Maintenance- E. R. U.	$744.06	
Town Maintenance	684.56	$700.00
Snow Removal	611.28	700.00
LIBRARIES:		
Libraries	$12.00	$12.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
Town Poor	$40.63	$75.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:		
Memorial Day	$21.91	$20.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Cemeteries	$67.60	$50.00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
State Aid Construction Town's Share	$248.91	$250.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

State Taxes	$325.00	$350.00
County Taxes	385.68	400.00
Payments to School Districts	1200.00	1200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$4349.50

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1934

Lands and Buildings	$120,925.00
Electric Plants including pole line	28,750.00
Horses (35)	2,505.00
Cows (147)	6,865.00
Neat Stock (35)	750.00
Fowls (10)	7.00
Portable Mills	1,500.00
Wood and Lumber	12,752.86
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	525.00
Stock in Trade	395.00
	$174,974.86

Polls, (124) @ $2.00 $248.00

Amount of taxes committed to Collector including Poll and Property $3,328.36

Tax Rate $1.76

APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1934

Town Officers' Salaries		$275.00
Town Officers expenses		95.00
Election and Registration		95.00
Town Hall		20.00
Police Department		5.00
Health Department		5.00
Vital Statistics		3.00
State Aid Construction		244.50
Town Road Maintenance		700.00
Snow Removal		700.00
Libraries		12.00
Memorial Day		20.00
Cemeteries		50.00
State Tax		325.00
County Tax		315.86
School Tax		1,196.00
TOTAL TOWN and SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS		$4,061.36
Less Estimated Revenue and Credits		
Interest and Dividend Tax	$ 8.00	
Railroad Tax	35.00	
Savings Bank Tax	50.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	225.00	
Forest Reserve	215.00	
Trust Funds	200.00	733.00
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		$3,328.36
Less Poll Taxes		248.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which town rate is figured		3,080.36
Plus Poll Taxes		248.00
Total Taxes Committed To Tax Collector		$3,328.36

BALANCE

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer		$1,747.41
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State—		
Account bounties paid		$84.80
Taxes bought by town:		
Not including property actually deeded to Town		210.91
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1934	$877.49	
Levy of 1933	58.80	
Levy of 1932	29.13	
Previous years	67.20	
Total Uncollected		$1,032.62
Total Assets		$3,075.74
Grand Total		$3,075.74
Surplus, January 31, 1934		$1,549.85
Surplus, January 31, 1935		2,018.72
Increase of Surplus		468.87

SHEET **January 31, 1935**

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:		
Due to Trustees, Benton Trust Funds		$67.97
Due to School District:		
Dog Licenses 1934	$ 71.00	
Balance Appropriation 1934	674.19	
1934 Forest Reserve	145.98	
1934 Trust Funds	97.88	
Total Due School District		$989.05
Total Liabilities		**$1,057.02**
Excess of assets over liabilities		2,018.72
Grand Total		**$3,075.74**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Town Clerk's Building	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Highway Equipment including Road Machines and Snow Plow	400.00
School House, Land, Buildings, Equipment	1,800.00
	$4,650.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending January 31, 1935

Cash on hand February 1st, 1934	$1,540.37
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1930 Tax Sales Redeemed	34.09
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1931 Tax Sales Redeemed	62.45
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1931 Cost and Interest	13.52
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1932 Tax Sales Redeemed	136.56
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1932 Cost and Interest	27.25
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1933 Taxes	553.79
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector, 1933 Interest	20.12
From Lester W. Noxon, Collector, 1934 Taxes	2,226.07
From Lester W. Noxon, Collector 1934 Interest	1.91
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1933 Dog Tax	2.00
1934 Dog Taxes	69.00
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1934 Motor Vehicle Permits	84.37
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1935 Motor Vehicle Permits	143.48
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1931 Poll Taxes	6.00
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector 1932 Poll Taxes	4.00
From L. W. Noxon, 1934 Poll Taxes	236.00

From State,	
Emergency Relief Unemployment Fund	743.53
From State, National Forest Reserve	291.96
From Income of Trust Funds	277.96
From H. H. Elliott, Refund mistake on order	.50
From W. J. Yeaton, Filing Fee	2.00
From F. J. Hutchins, check protest charge	1.27
From State, Bounties	84.80
From John E. Cox, Interest on Note	7.28
From State, Interest and Dividend, from State	7.27
From State, abatement of Tax from State	637.68
From State, Railroad Tax	29.61
From State, Savings Bank Tax	41.11
	$7,285.95
Total Payments Selectmen's Orders Paid	5,538.54
Balance on hand February 1, 1935	1,747.41
Cash	1,626.01
John E. Cox Note	121.40
TOTAL	$1,747.41

EDITH J. YEATON, Treasurer

RECEIPTS AND

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes committed to Coll'ct'r 1934	$3,079.56
Less uncollected, 1934	853.49
Property Taxes 1934 actually collected	2,226.07
Poll Taxes for 1934 actually collected 118 @ $2.00	236.00
Property and Poll Taxes previous years actually collected	563.79
Total of above Collections	$3,025.86
Tax Sales redeemed	233.10

From State:

Emergency Relief Unemployed, H'ghwy main.	734.53
Interest and Dividend Tax	7.27
Railroad Tax	29.61
Savings Bank Tax	41.11
Abatement, State Tax	637.68
Bounties	84.80
Total Current Revenue Receipts	**$4,802.96**

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PAYMENTS	Year Ending January 31, 1935
Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Detail	
1 Town Officers' Salaries	$ 267.11
2 Town Officers' Expenses	105.66
3 Election and Registration	102.00
4 Town Hall	36.99
Protection of Persons and Property:	
5 Police Department including care of Tramps	11.05
6 Bounties paid out	84.80
Health Department:	
7 Health Department	$5.00
8 Vital Statistics	2.50
Highways and Bridges:	
9 E. R. U. Highway Maintenance	$744.06
10 Snow Removal	611.28
11 Town Maintenance	684.56
Libraries:	
12 Library	$12.00
Charities:	
13 Town Poor	$40.63
Patriotic Purposes:	
14 Memorial Day exercises	$21.91
Public Service Enterprises:	
15 Cemeteries	$67.60
Unclassified:	
16 Taxes bought by town	152.04
17 Discounts and Abatements	29.76
Total Current Expenses	$2,978.95

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RECEIPTS AND

Total Receipts (brought forward from page 14)	$4,802.96
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	71.00
Filing Fee, W. J. Yeaton	2.00
Protested Check Fee	1.27
Interest Received on Taxes	62.80
Interest John Cox Note	7.28
Income from Trust Funds	277.96
Refund, H. H. Elliott, Supervisor	.50
Motor Vehicle Permits year 1934	84.37
Motor Vehicle Permits year 1935	143.48
National Forest Reserve	291.96
Total Receipts from all sources	$5,745.58
Cash on hand February 1st, 1934	1,540.37
Grand Total	$7,285.95

PAYMENTS	Year Ending January 31, 1935
Total Payments (brought forward from page 15)	$2,978.95
Outlay For New Construction and Permanent Improvements:	
Highways and Bridges—	
18 State Aid Construction	$248.91
Total Outlay Payments	**$248.91**
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
19 Taxes paid to County	$385.68
20 Taxes paid to State	325.00
21 Payments to School District	1600.00
Total Payments to Other Gov. Divisions	**$2,310.68**
Total Payments for all Purposes	**$5,538.54**
Cash on hand February 1st, 1935	1,747.41
Grand Total	**$7,285.95**

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries

John Boutin, Selectman	$27.00
Floyd O. Rollins, Selectman	27.66
Walter J. Yeaton, Selectman	49.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, Town Clerk	35.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, Dog Fees	5.40
Floyd J. Hutchins, Tax Sales Fees	15.80
Floyd J. Hutchins, Auto Fees	16.25
Lester W. Noxon, Collector	50.00
Lester W. Noxon, Auditor 1933 accounts	3.00
Lester W. Noxon, attending Tax Commission meeting	3.00
Edith J. Yeaton, Treasurer	35.00
	$267.11

Detail No. 2, Town Officers Expenses

Woodsville Publishing Co., Town Reports	$51.89
W. J. Randolph, Transfer Deeds	1.46
W. J. Yeaton, Stamps, Stationery	3.36
Bailey's Tavern, Warren, Dinners Selectmen	2.25
Star Restaurant, Lebanon, Dinners Road meeting	2.40
Edith J. Yeaton, Stamps and Stationery	1.89
Howe Press, Tax Bills	1.30
Edson Eastman Co., Tax Book, Dog Tags and Blanks	7.14
F. J. Hutchins, Stamps	1.74
Lester W. Noxon, Stamps and Stationery	8.38
Chamberlin's Greenhouse, flowers H. A. Morrill	10.00
Stephen H. Dexter, Auto Hire and Dinners Lisbon Account Trust Funds	3.95
Lisbon Savings Bank, for deposit box 2 yrs.	9.90
	$105.66

Detail No. 3, Election and Registration

C. C. Tyler, Supervisor	$19.50
H. H. Elliott, Supervisor	18.50
S. H. Dexter, Supervisor	21.00
Ira E. Elliott, Moderator	9.00
A. U. Marden, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Carl Eastman, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Napoleon Burke, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Lester Noxon, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Mildred Elliott, Dinners, Town Meeting	10.00
$102.00	

Detail No. 4, Town Hall

Ethel Boutin, clean Hall	$ 5.00
R. M. Tewksbury, wood	4.00
F. O. Rollins, Repairs and Material, Town Hall	2.99
F. P. Dearth Ins. Agency, insurance Hall	25.00
$36.99	

Detail No. 5, Protection Persons and Property

Carl G. Eastman, Constable	$5.00
Ethel Boutin, feeding, lodging Tramps	4.05
F. O. Rollins, feeding, lodging Tramps	2.00
$11.05	

Detail No. 6, Bounties

Bounties paid out	$84.80

Detail No. 7, Health Department

Carl G. Eastman, Health Officer	$5.00

Detail No. 8, Vital Statistics

Dr. R. M. Deming, 2 deaths	$ .50
Dr. H. E. Siske, 2 deaths	.50
Dr. E. M. Miller, 1 death	.25
Dr. R. G. Perry, 1 death	.25
Dr. S. A. Blodgett, 3 births	.75
Rev. B. F. McIntire, 1 marriage	.25
	$2.50

Detail No. 9, Emergency Relief Unemployed

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Napoleon Boutin in charge

	Hours	Amount
Napoleon Boutin	126	$ 48.90
Arthur Boutin, with truck	105	147.00
Arthur Boutin	23	7.67
John Elliott	111	36.99
Ben Elliott	109	36.32
R. M. Tewksbury	77	25.67
F. O. Rollins	76	25.33
Napoleon Burke	123	41.98
Roland McKean	103	34.32
F. J. Hutchins	57	18.99
Carl Eastman	49	16.34
Charles C. Tyler	53	15.65
A. U. Marden, and truck	97	116.40
S. H. Dexter and truck	96	115.20
Clough Brothers, 573 yards gravel @ .10		57.30
		$744.06

Detail No. 10, Snow Removal and Sanding Roads
Napoleon Boutin, Agent

	Hours	Amount
Napoleon Boutin and plow	159	$318.00
Napoleon Boutin	69	22.39
John Elliott	95	31.54
Ben Elliott	4	1.23
Napoleon Paradie	82½	26.50
Napoleon Boutin and truck	65½	87.33
Lester Noxon	2	.66
Howard Tyler	4	1.33
R. M. Tewksbury	70	23.33
Carl Eastman	120	39.99
E. A. Marden	3½	1.16

	Hours	Amount
C. C. Hill	3½	1.16
A. U. Marden	12½	4.16
N. Burke	12	4.00
F. J. Hutchins	7	2.33
Clough Brothers, 17 yards sand		1.70
Tilden Day, 42 yards sand		4.20
S. H. Dexter and team	1¾	1.00
F. P. Wells, bolts for plow		1.43
Central Garage, repairs plow, cross chains		10.15
W. F. Pike, repairs to plow		21.19
R. R. Scruggs, 6 shovels		6.50
		$611.28

Detail No. 11, Town Road Maintenance
Napoleon Boutin, Agent

Napoleon Boutin	105	$ 36.97
Napoleon Boutin, and truck	239	300.66
F. J. Hutchins	38½	12.83
Napoleon Burke	93½	31.17
Lester Noxon	100	30.00
Arthur Boutin	193	64.13
Carl Eastman	24	8.00
C. C. Hill	100½	30.14
Tilden Day, 8 loads gravel @ 15		1.20
S. H. Dexter, 11 loads gravel @ .15		1.60
Ben Elliott	9	3.00
Clough Brothers, 144 yards gravel @ .10		14.40
Napoleon Paradie	68½	22.78
Joseph Boutin, Jr.	66½	22.12
F. O. Rollins	9	3.00
Nelson Page	4	1.32
C. Tewksbury	4	1.32
John Elliott	5	1.65
R. M. Tewksbury	5	1.65
		$587.94

Detail No. 11, Town Road Maintenance

Ernest T. Page, Agent

	Hours	Amount
E. T. Page	30½	$ 10.16
E. T. Page and team	31	16.08
E. T. Page, 14 yards gravel @ .10		1.40
Joseph Prue	37½	12.50
Joseph Prue	54	35.88
Joseph Prue, 15 yards gravel @ .10		1.50
A. Fillian, 6 yards gravel @ .10		.60
A. Fillian	39	13.00
A. Fillian and team	6	4.00
A. Fillian and truck	2	1.50
		$96.62

SUMMARY

Napoleon Boutin, Agent	$587.94
Ernest T. Page, Agent	96.62
Total	$684.56

Detail No. 12, Libraries

Catherine Eastman, Librarian	$12.00

Detail No. 13, Town Poor

Town Poor assistance	$40.63

Detail No. 14, Patriotic Purposes

Ira E. Elliott, Memorial Day	$21.91

Detail No. 15, Public Service Enterprises

Charles C. Tyler, Sexton Services	$62.30
E. G. Coates, Sexton Services	5.30
	$67.60

Received from Trust Funds
for Cemeteries .....
Cost to Town .....

Detail No. 16, Unclassified

Taxes bought by town	$152.04

Detail No. 17, Abatements

Property and Poll Taxes abated	$29.76
10 Polls paid elsewhere	
3 Polls Veterans	
1 Poll overage	
1 Property 1934- abated accepting aid	

Detail No. 18, Outlay for New Construction

State Aid Construction	$248.91

Detail No. 19, Payments to Other Gov. Divisions

Harry S. Huckins, County Treasurer	
For County Tax	$385.68
Charles T. Patten, State Treasurer	
For State Tax	325.00
Treasurer Benton School District	1,600.00
	$2,310.68

TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending January 31st, 1935

Received of the Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on $500.00 U. S. Bond for Cemeteries

Interest	$23.50	To Town Treasurer	
on hand	21.25	for cemeteries	$21.25
		Balance	23.50
	$44.75		$44.75

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest on $500.00 U. S. Bond for Cemeteries, Balance Schools and Highways

Interest	$21.25	To Town Treasurer	
		for cemeteries	$6.25
		for school	7.50
		for highways	7.50
	$21.25		$21.25

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest on $1,000.00 U. S. Bond, care of lots, Balance to Schools and Highways

Interest	$42.50	To Town Treasurer	
		for cemeteries	$10.50
		for schools	16.00
		for highways	16.00
	$42.50		$42.50

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest on $1,750.00 U. S. Bond for Schools

		To Town Treasurer	
Interest	$74.38	for schools	$74.38

Received of Whitcher and Mann Fund interest on $1,750.00 U. S. Bond for Highways

		To Town Treasurer	
Interest	$74.37	for highways	$74.37

Received from Ella Mann Fund interest on $50. deposited Lisbon Savings and Trust Co., Lisbon, N. H., use Orman and Ella Mann lots in Mountain View Cemetery

		To Town Treasurer	
Interest	.87	for cemeteries	.87

Received from Geo. H. Clark Fund interest on $200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co., care Geo. H. Clark lot in Mountain View Cemetery

1932 Balance	$9.97	To Town Treasurer	
Interest 1933	5.47	for cemeteries	
Interest 1934	5.05	1933, 1934	$ 8.00
		Balance	12.49
	$20.49		$20.49

Received from J. C. Speed Fund interest on $134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co., care of lots

1932 Balance	$10.29	To Town Treasurer	
Interest 1933	3.73	for cemeteries	$7.26
Interest 1934	3.53	Balance	10.29
	$17.55		$17.55

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co., for care of lot

Interest 1933	$1.38		
Interest 1934	1.30		
		To Town Treasurer	
	$2.68	for cemeteries	$2.68

Received from Jonathan Davis Fund interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co., care of lot

Interest 1933	$1.39		
Interest 1934	1.30		
		To Town Treasurer	
	$2.69	for cemeteries	$2.69

Received from William Torsey Fund interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust

Co., care of lot

Interest 1933	$1.38		
Interest 1934	1.29		
		To Town Treasurer	
	$2.67	for cemeteries	$2.67

Received from L. H. Parker Fund income from Cemetery Field to be used for care of lots

Rent of field 1934	$7.00	To Town Treasurer for cemeteries	$7.00

Received from Sam Whitcher and Wm. Kendall Fund interest on $200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co., care of Whitcher and Kendall lots

1932 Balance	$19.17	To Town Treasurer	
Interest 1933	5.47	for cemeteries	$ 8.00
Interest 1934	5.05	Balance	21.69
	$29.69		$29.69

Kendrick L. Howe Fund. $50.00 deposited in Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co., January 26, for care of lots. No interest for this report.

There remains on deposit with Town Treasurer of Benton, January 31, 1935 a balance of $67.97 Trust Funds subject to call of Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Benton.

STEPHEN H. DEXTER,

JOHN G. ELLIOTT,

WALTER J. YEATON,

Trustees of Benton Trust Funds

AUDITORS REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and all others and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

February 11, 1935

ETHEL A. BOUTIN

REPORT FOR BENTON TOWN LIBRARY

For the Year 1934

Books in Library January 31, 1935	420
Books in circulation	210

CATHERINE EASTMAN,

Librarian

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Cash on hand January 31, 1934	$64.85
Postage paid on books borrowed from State Library Commission	1.35
Cash on hand January 31, 1935	$63.50

CATHERINE EASTMAN,

MILDRED ELLIOTT,

LAURA M. NOXON,

Library Trustees

Benton School Report

District Officers

School Board

Ira E. Elliott, chairman	Term expires 1937
Mrs. Alexzina Boutin	Term expires 1936
Mrs. Edith J. Yeaton	Term expires 1935

Other District Officers

Mrs. Catherine Eastman	Treasurer
Floyd Hutchins	Auditor
Mrs. Edith J. Yeaton	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
F. Lester Trafton	Superintendent of Schools

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. LESTER TRAFTON, Superintendent

IRA E. ELLIOTT,

MRS. ALEXZINA BOUTIN,

MRS. EDITH J. YEATON,

February 1, 1935 School Board

RECEIPTS 1933-34

State and Federal Aid:		
Equalization fund for elementary school (from state)	$463.99	
National forest reserve (school's half from Selectmen)	30.63	
Total		$494.62
Income from Local Taxation: (raised by Selectmen) For the support of schools		
1933 appropriation	$756.43	
1932 appropriation	593.73	
Total		$1,350.16
From Sources Other Than Taxation:		
Dog Licenses (from Selectmen)	$71.33	
Elementary school tuitions	95.00	
Income from local trust funds	97.88	
Total		$264.21
Total receipts from all sources		$2,108.99
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1933		65.91
GRAND TOTAL		$2,174.90

PAYMENTS 1933-34

Administration	
Salaries of district officers	$30.00
Superintendent's excess salary	57.60
Truant Officer and School Census	5.00
Expenses of administration	11.05
Instruction	
Principal's and teachers' salaries	$828.00
Text books	21.36
Scholars' supplies	32.48
Other expenses of instruction	8.65
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant	
Janitor service	$36.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	10.05
Minor repairs and expenses	5.00
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities	
Medical inspection, Health supervision	$ 44.14
Transportation of pupils	369.00
High school and academy tuition	462.68
Elementary school tuition	147.00
Fixed Charges	
Tax for state wide supervision ($2 per capita)	$66.00
Total payments for all purposes	$2,134.01
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1934)	40.89
GRAND TOTAL	$2,174.90

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

June 30, 1934

Cash on hand:	
Balance June 30, 1934	$ 40.89
Accounts due to district:	
Town appropriation 1933	428.57
Total Assets	$469.46
Grand Total	$469.46

LIABILITIES

June 30, 1934

Unpaid Bills:	
Roscoe Tewksbury, 4 cords wood	$32.00
Total Liabilities	$32.00
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	437.46
Grand Total	$469.46

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Benton, N. H., of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

July 2, 1934 FLOYD HUTCHINS, Auditor

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1934

School District of Benton

SUMMARY:

Cash on hand June 30, 1933 (Treasurer's bank balance)		$65.91
Received from Selectmen,		
Appropriations for current year	$756.43	
Balance previous appropriations	593.73	
Dog Tax	71.33	
Income from trust funds	97.88	
Received from State Treasurer (State or Federal Aid)	463.99	
Received from all other sources	125.63	
		$2,108.99
Total amount available for fiscal year (Balance and Receipts)		2,174.90
Less school board orders paid		2,134.01
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1934 (Treasurer's bank balance)		$ 40.89

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT,

June 30, 1934 District Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith present my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

In the reorganization of the supervisory unions of the State last May Benton was taken from the Haverhill Union and added to the Lisbon Union. This union, now consists of the following towns or districts: Benton, Easton, Franconia, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon Special, Lisbon Town, Lyman and Sugar Hill.

The total school enrollment for 1933-34 was 41. The number of non-resident pupils was three. In addition to those in the town school, the district paid tuition for four elementary and six high school pupils who attended school in other towns. The percent of attendance was 86.68, and the number of cases of tardiness 44. The present enrollment of the school is 40. It has been necessary to purchase five more desks to accommodate all these pupils. This is the largest rural school in my union and much too large for one teacher. Miss Holmes is doing a good job of teaching in a very difficult situation.

Mr. Janes decided last year to introduce the Gates-Huber system of reading in the first three grades. This is one of the best reading systems in the country and should improve the teaching of reading in your school. I have bought new histories for

the fourth and sixth grades, new geographies for the fifth grade, and a new wall clock. There are still a number of old and worn-out books which should be replaced next year. Your greatest need in the way of equipment is more blackboard space.

It is very desirable to continue to qualify for state aid. The amount received from the state this year was $416.93. Next year's allotment should be more than this.

Respectfully submitted,

F. LESTER TRAFTON

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1935-36

School District of Benton, N. H.

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1935.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools:	
Teachers' Salaries	$864.00
Text Books	35.00
Scholars' Supplies	40.00
Flags and Appurtenances	5.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	5.00
Janitor Service	36.00
Fuel	35.00
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	10.00
Minor Repairs and Expenses	25.00
Health Supervision (Medical Inspection)	46.00
Transportation of Pupils	288.00
Payment of Elementary Tuitions	72.00
Other Special Activities	5.00
	$1,466.00
Other Statutory Requirements	
Salaries of District Officers (Fixed by District)	$ 30.00
Truant Officer and School Census (Fixed by District)	6.00
Payment of Tuitions in High Schools and Academies (Estimated by Board)	300.00

Superintendent's Excess Salary (Fixed by Supervisory Union)	38.64
Per Capita Tax (Reported by State Treas.)	90.00
Other obligations	20.00
	$484.64
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget	$1,950.64

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1935 (Estimate)	$100.00
State Aid (December 1935 Allotment)	500.00
Dog Tax (Estimate)	30.00
Income from Trust Funds (Estimate)	95.00
Elementary School Tuition Receipts (Est.)	72.00
Deduct Total Estimated Income (not raised by taxation)	$797.00
Assessment required to Balance School Board's Budget	$1,153.64

IRA E. ELLIOTT,
EDITH J. YEATON,
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
School Board

February 1, 1935, Benton, N. H.

$3.50 per $1,000 of taxable inventory is minimum required by law.

To apply for state aid $916.55 must be raised for elementary schools.

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For the Year Ending January 31, 1935

Marion June Aremburg, born July 6, 1934, 8th child, living, female, white; father's name, Leroy H. Aremburg, occupation, laborer, birthplace of father, Berlin, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Evelyn P. Wilson, birthplace of mother, Shelburn, N. H.

Betty Lou Elliott, born September 28, 1934, 11th child, living, female, white; father's name, John G. Elliott, occupation, laborer, birthplace of father, Benton, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Mildred A. Ball, birthplace of mother, Landaff, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For the Year Ending January 31, 1935

Stephen H. Dexter and Carrie Kellum, married at Haverhill, N. H., by Rev. B. F. McIntire, clergyman; residence of groom, Benton, N. H., age 62; occupation, farmer, born at Lisbon, N. H., widower, second marriage; father's name, Sylvester W. Dexter, mother's name, Harriet Clark. Residence of bride, Benton, N. H., age 62, occupation, housewife, born in Canada, widow, third marriage; father's name, John Lynaugh, mother's name, Bridget Cassidy.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For the Year Ending January 31, 1935

Herman A. Morrill, died April 12, 1934; age 71 years, 1 month, 20 days; born at Barnston, Quebec, white, single; father's name, Alfred Morrill, maiden name of mother, Lucy Wheeler; cause of death, accidental drowning.

Evie F. Bailey, died May 1, 1934; age 78 years, 7 months, 27 days; born at Lisbon, N. H., white, widow; father's name, Welton B. Morse; maiden name of mother, Laura A. Townsend; cause of death, arteris sclerosis and fracture of hip.

Carl B. Chamberlain, died May 18, 1934; age 44 years, 2 months, 2 days; born at Worcester, Mass., white, married; father's name, Charles E. Chamberlain; maiden name of mother, Rebecca Jackson; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Ethelyn B. Lane, died May 25, 1934; age 29 yrs., 3 months, 5 days; born at Woodsville, N. H., white, single; father's name, Wade Lane; maiden name of mother, Marion Howe; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Natalie Olson, died August 10, 1934; age 23 yrs., 7 months, 27 days; born at Lincoln, N. H., white, married; father's name, Archie Therrien; maiden name of mother, Eileen Pickford; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Philip Corneau, died December 12, 1934; age 25 years, 5 months, 13 days; born at Fall River, Mass., white, married; father's name, David Corneau; maiden name of mother, Ida Micheau; cause of death, tuberculosis empyema.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of knowledge and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Town Clerk

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